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53. The method of claim 49, wherein the storage units comprise parsed data.

54. The method of claim 53, wherein the parsed data in at least one of the documents to be exchanged comprises:

character data encoding text characters in the one of the input and output documents,

markup data identifying sets of storage units according to the logical structure of the one of the input and output documents.

55. The method of claim 54, wherein at least one of the sets of storage units encodes a plurality of text characters providing a natural language word.

56. The method of claim 54, wherein the specification includes interpretation information for at least one of the sets of storage units identified by the logical structure of at least one of the input and output documents, encoding respective definitions for sets of parsed characters.

57. The method of claim 53, wherein the storage units comprise unparsed data.

58. The method of claim 48, including associating trading partners with said machine readable specifications.

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed 3 July 2001, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-47. The examiner noted a misspelling in one of the inventor's names in the preliminary amendment; and rejected all claims for double patenting.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-47, and added new claims 48-58. That Examiner's action is respectfully traversed below.

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Inventor's Name

The correct spelling of the first name of inventor Meltzer is Bart. Thus, the declaration and application papers are correct.

Rejection of Claims 1-47 for Double Patenting

The Examiner rejecting claims 1-47 for double patenting, as such claims identical as the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,125,391. Applicant has canceled such claims, and adds new claims 48-58. Accordingly, reconsideration of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is now in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT UNDER RULE 1.121

In the Title:

[MARKET MAKERS] <u>REGISTRY FOR TRADING PARTNERS</u> USING DOCUMENTS FOR COMMERCE IN TRADING PARTNER NETWORKS

In the Claims:

Claims 1-47 have been cancelled. New claims 48-58 have been added.